

The **Club Membership** is **88** after **three** months with **38** hardcopy and **50** e-copy subscriptions.

The **Club web site** at www.melbsportsbike.net.au accumulated **759** hits between September 2nd and October 1st. Total site visits are **85,445** since April 1996. The counters on the other pages after another month show the 2013 Ride Calendar page took **584** hits (total **31,710** since 28th October 2008) and Great Roads **65** hits (total **7209**). You'll also notice it is a lot more intuitive with pages opening up in new windows as you would expect, thanks to constructive feedback from **Jesvin George**. Also the phone numbers for the Committee members are now correct!

For **September** the official kilometres (sum of ride lengths) for the month is **1849 km** (up 328 km on last month), with 5 Sunday rides during September. The official Club kilometres for the month (people x ride length) is **30,265**, up 5,701 km on last month, August club kilometres extremely low.

The average calendar **yearly kilometer** total is 346,862 since 2005. This year we are up to **303,543** after **9** months with **thirteen** minor crashes and **three** serious (broken bones) crashes. So far this year, our average Club kilometres between serious crashes is **101,181** km. Long term it is 106,727. Last month there were no crashes, just chain breakages, electrical gremlins and a puncture.

Front Cover: Photo taken at Johns Hill Lookout Sunday 15th September. Back row: Geoff Shugg, John Willis, Rob Langer, Tony Stegmar, Ian Payne, Al Sobotker, Cindy Lee, Steve Mudford, Michael Srb, Jesvin George, Jon Hoare, Neville Hoare, Dave Mann. Front row: Paul Southwell, Cliff Peters, Chris Pointon, Raphael Alikakos, Adrian MacGeraghty. Photo by Ben Warden and banner artwork by Leonie Bartlett.

Back Cover: Photo taken at Tullamarine Airport, Sunday 8th September, *Pig and Whistle* ride. Back row: Michael Chan, Ian Payne, Michael Srb, Tony Stegmar, Nigel Oman, Tony Ripepi, Jesvin George, Simon Wastney and Marc Marais. Front row: Adrian MacGeraghty, Glenn Aspden, Rob Langer, Pina Garasi, Misho Zrakic and Steve Mudford. Ben Warden behind the lens.

Seen at the **Social Sip** on Thursday 1st August: Ben and Julie Warden, Ron and Julie, Johnston, Ian Payne, Simon Wastney, Tim Emons, Dennis Lindemann, Geoff Jones, Stuart Hosking. *10 people*

The **Club Participant of the Year** is based on aggregate points accumulated at 1 point per ride, an extra point for leading or being rear rider, and 1 point per magazine article (maximum 2 per magazine). Attending one or more days of a weekend event scores 3 points for leading, 3 for rear riding duties and 2 points for participating.

After **three** months the usual suspects are at the front: **Ben Warden** (20), **Ian Payne** (20), **Cliff Peters** (17), **Robert Langer** (15), **Simon Wastney** (12), **Pina Garasi** (12), **Paul Southwell** (10), **Misho Zrakic** (10), **Jesvin George** (10), **Geoff Jones** (9), **Marc Marais** (8), **Stuart Hosking** (8).

Email (29/9/2013) from **Andre Drezga** (first time rider, Daylesford ride 22/9/2013): I just wanted to let you and all the guys from that ride last Sunday know what an enjoyable ride I had. I found the friendliness of the group, the selection of roads and the pace of the day exactly to my liking. On previous rides with other groups (not that many, to be honest), I've come across riders that either dawdle along too much (on and off their bikes), or are very cliquey and more interested in conversations revolving around how great their bikes are! The corner marking system worked beautifully (that day, at least), and is a great, fair system where riders that want to go fast don't end up hogging the front rows the whole day: everyone does their fair share of looking out for everyone else. Also, the tail-rider's reliability was very re-assuring meaning you didn't have to worry whether you by some chance left someone behind when re-joining the group. And, well done leader for displaying a fantastic knowledge of the routes! Hope to see you guys again soon.

Sent to the **Google Group** Sat 28th Sep: Ladies and gents, we need a leader for Melbourne Cup Weekend Sunday ride (3rd November) when 30 members are away having fun in the Snowy Mountains. It can be as simple as a Yarra Glen start, Warburton for morning tea, round the Reefton and up Lake Mountain. Or anywhere you want to go and start from! We also need a leader for Sunday **November 10th**. Have a look at the itinerary page and head in a different direction to the upcoming ride (Rob Langer, Yarra ranges).

All MSR members are welcome to **John Willis** and **Lou Tickner's** wedding reception after the short Mt Baw Baw ride on Sunday 15th December. According to John, the ceremony is in the morning at a beautiful spot in Toolangi, followed by an informal reception at home. "Come over, even if you're not on the ride." The address is 15/17, Melrose Ave Coldstream. After 2.30pm. We wish them a long and happy life together and look forward to sharing in the festivities, seeing all the house renovations, a garage full of large model planes and of course "the dress"!

Free tyres! To address the perceived reluctance of members to **write ride articles** for the magazine, the Committee has hit upon the tried and true motivational tool: bribery. Non-committee persons who write an article for the Club monthly magazine will go into a raffle for a **set of motorcycle tyres**, drawn at the next AGM – July 2014. You can write as many articles as you like – one for every ride you attend if so inclined. The more you write, the more chances to win the tyres you get.